

Information:

The Council on Postsecondary Education supports statewide programs to help institutions attract and enroll more Kentucky resident African American students. These programs are intended to support strategies that are outlined in the Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities and the partnership between the Commonwealth and the Office for Civil Rights. Students from across the Commonwealth are expected to participate in the programs.

SREB Doctoral Scholars Program (Compact for Faculty Diversity)

Since 1993, Kentucky has served a total of 25 doctoral scholars (15 doctoral scholars, 10 dissertation year scholars). Seven scholars have completed all of the requirements for the doctoral degree. Twelve students remain in the program. Six of the twelve are supported with recurring funds. The council will support nine additional scholars in fall 2001 using non-recurring funds. The comprehensive universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System are invited to participate in selecting the doctoral scholars enrolling in fall 2001.

The Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program

The council, in collaboration with the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, will sponsor a statewide conference for participants of the Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Programs. This event is expected to bring together more than 300 middle and junior high school students from across the Commonwealth. There are 20 institutional programs currently in operation. The conference, which will be held June 13-14, 2001, on the UK campus, will feature educational sessions on advanced placement courses, the pre-college curriculum, the digital divide, campus security, school safety, and African American history and culture. Students will receive a campus tour as well as a tour of the new W.T. Young Library. A special workshop will be offered to parents and directors of the program. The keynote speaker, Mrs. Bernadette Locke-Mattox, will discuss the importance of preparing for rigorous college level work and encourage students to persist to college graduation. The programs are funded through a grant from the Council on Postsecondary Education.

The 14TH Annual Academically Proficient African American High School Sr. Conference

The University of Louisville will host the 14th Annual Academically Proficient African American High School Senior Conference on June 22-23, 2001, at the Belknap campus. Approximately 300 students, parents, and college representatives are expected to participate. Student workshops will offer sessions on preparing admission and financial aid applications, strengthening communication skills, developing coping skills, selecting a college, and choosing a career. A parent workshop will also be included. In addition to the conference, UofL will host the college fair that will allow college representatives to dialogue with some of Kentucky's brightest African American high school seniors and their parents. The goal of the conference is to offer information and support to students as they begin the transition from high school to postsecondary education.

The Louisville Defender Minority Expo

The 2001 Minority Consumer Expo, will be held November 9-11, 2001, at the Kentucky International Convention Center in downtown Louisville. State government and the Louisville Defender, the largest minority newspaper in Kentucky, sponsor this event. The Expo offers a unique opportunity for postsecondary institutions to showcase their “best practices” and to answer questions from prospective students regarding higher education in Kentucky. This year’s theme is “Making Every Choice Count.” Postsecondary education participation will be coordinated through the council staff. Institutional representatives are strongly encouraged to submit comments, ideas, and suggestions to the council staff to share with Expo coordinators. The next coordinators’ meeting is Friday, June 29, 2001.

The Governor’s Diversity Day

Although this is not a pass-through program, the council participates in this event. The Governor’s Diversity Day will be held at the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center in downtown Frankfort on Wednesday, November 14, 2001. The conference provides a forum to promote diversity and multiculturalism in health, education, and industry. The conference coordinator, Mr. Bruce Trent, will contact the institutions to determine their interest in participating.

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